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The Honorable George Finkle
Judicial Dispute Resolution
1411 Fourth Avenue, Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Notice of Unavailability of Counsel and Temporary Substitution

Dear Commissioner Kreidler and Judge Finkle:

Please be advised that I will be unavailable from May 23 until July 7, 2003. In my absence, the Premera Watch Coalition and the Washington Association of Community and Migrant Health Centers designates Richard Spoonemore as its Lead Attorney. I have conferred with counsel for the parties and there are no objections to this temporary substitution.

Mr. Spoonemore can be contacted at:

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Please send all service, correspondence and other information to Mr. Spoonemore as Lead Attorney during my absence. Upon my return, Mr. Spoonemore and I will notify the parties, the Special Master and the Insurance Commissioner regarding my resumption of Lead Attorney duties.

Sincerely yours,

Ele Hamburger
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